

STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Date: 03/15/2022 **Time:** 02:00 PM

Location: 309 Via Videoconference **Committee:** House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Interim Superintendent Keith Hayashi

Hawaii State Department of Education

Title of Bill: SB 3092, SD1 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES IN

SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Deems student interns engaging in commercial enterprises to be

employees of the State of Hawaii. Allows the Department of

Education to use revenue generated from commercial

enterprises. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 3092, SD1 relating to commercial enterprises in schools.

The Department supports opportunities for students to participate in commercial enterprises in their schools. Commercial enterprises provide students with the hands-on and real-world experiences that are critical to post-secondary and workforce success. The generated revenues support various programs within schools and ensure the sustainability of commercial enterprise efforts. The restrictions on students as interns in schools pose challenges when implementing commercial enterprises. SB 3092, SD1 will remove those restrictions by deeming students to be employees of the State, thereby enabling more schools to offer students opportunities to participate in commercial enterprises.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3092, SD1.

SB-3092-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Azuma	Administrator of Mahiku	Support	Written Testimony
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Comments:

I'd also like to add for the consideration of a Junior Achievement Program to be initiated among our 7th and 8th grade classes - which is a program that is sponsored and operated by certain banks. It teaches our kids to be interested in financial security on a micro level and provides additional economic empowerment to strengthen Hawai'i's future economic stability.